

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE: 28 February 2006**

**TIME: 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Health Policy Forum**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., John Keimig, Richard Lepine, Robert J. Quigley DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire, Robert Whiteside**

**Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Raymond Coia, Esq., Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Denise Panichas, Robert Ricci, John Young**

**Excused: Robert L. Bernstein**

**Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Andrea Therrien (Intern)**

**Public: (see attached)**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Time Extension for the Minutes Availability, Conflict of Interest Forms, and Report of the Nominating Committee.**

**The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The minutes of the 13 December 2005 special meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Kiemig, Lepine, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.**

**Mr. Ross, member of the Nominating Committee, reported on the proposed nominations of Health Services Council Officers: Chair – Dr. Quigley, Vice Chair – Ms. Almeida, and Secretary – Rev. Shire. The Chairman noted that pursuant to the Bylaws of the Nominating Committee, the election will be held at the next Health Services Council meeting.**

## **2. General Order of Business**

**The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Robert B. Hackey, Ph.D., professor of Health Policy and Management at Providence College: CON in CONtext: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future.**

**Dr. Hackey made a PowerPoint presentation to the Health Services Council (Attached). Members of the Health Services Council asked Dr. Hackey questions regarding the Certificate of Need (“CON”) process. With regards to a State Health Plan, Dr. Hackey discussed the “CONCAP” process in 1990’s and noted that presently there are no established goals because there is no State Health Plan. He stated that the legislature needs to provide more guidance as to what the goals of CON should be and which principles should guide decisions. The Chairman noted his concern about the lack of a State Health Plan and recommended that the Health Services Council brings this issue to the attention of the Director of Health.**

**To a comment about increasing operating costs of projects, Dr. Hackey stated that as a society we have made the choice to spend a lot of money on healthcare. Dr. Hackey made reference to a book by David Cutler called Too Much of a Good Thing?, that concludes that the money being put into healthcare is being well spent.**

**With regards to different interpretations of need, staff stated that there is a definition of public need in the regulations that tends to lean towards capacity and utilization. Staff noted that they will provide to the Council those specific sections.**

**Dr. Hackey mentioned that he would send information regarding the Maryland state health plan to staff.**

**Next, staff reviewed the information provided in the mailing with regards to compliance with conditions of approval.**

**The next Health Services Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for 28 March 2006.**

### **3. Adjournment**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova**